

Alexandria Gazette.

SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 15, 1882.

Alexander Hamilton's Conversion.

The recent interesting reminiscences given in the New York Observer of the funeral of Hamilton by the venerable Dr. Wickham, revives the remarkable conversion of Hamilton at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., when a young man practicing law there. The account is in Hamilton's own words. He says: "I had been spending the evening with several noted infidels. I had indulged in remarks much to the disadvantage of Christians and the disparagement of their religion. I had gone further than ever before in this way. Coming home I stood late at night, on the door-step waiting for my servant. In the moment of stillness, my thoughts returned to what had just passed and what I had said, and then something seemed to say, 'And what if the Christian religion be true after all?' The thought filled me with alarm. I was conscious I had examined Christianity even with less attention than a small retaining fee requires in civil cases. In my mind I held myself bound to make up my mind according to the laws of evidence; and shall nothing of this sort be done in a mighty matter that involves the fate of man's immortal being? Then everything is at stake. Shall I bargain all without inquiry? Willfully blinding my eyes, and laugh at that, which, if true, will laugh me to scorn in the day of Judgment? These questions did not allow me to sleep quietly. In the morning I sent for such books as treated on the evidence of Christianity. I read them, and the result is, I believe the religion of Christians to be the truth, that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and he made atonement for our sins by his death, and that he arose for our justification."

This is similar to the experience of Sir Isaac Newton, the great astronomer. He set out in life a clamorous infidel, but on a nice examination of the evidences of Christianity he was convinced and hopefully converted. Late in life he said to a companion who avowed infidel sentiments, "My friend, I am always glad to hear you when you speak about astronomy or other parts of mathematics, because that is a subject you have studied and well understood; but you should not talk of Christianity, for you have not studied it. I have, and am certain that you know nothing of the matter."

"I know men," said Napoleon at St. Helena, "and I tell you that Christ is not a man. The religion of Christ is a mystery which subsists by its own force and proceeds from a mind that is not a human mind."

Five weeks before his death, Daniel Webster wrote, "my heart has always assured me and reassured me, that the gospel of Christ must be a divine reality. The Sermon on the Mount cannot be a mere human production. This belief enters into the very depths of my consciousness; the whole history of man proves it."

These confessions of confessedly great minds at once dissipate that popular delusion, that learning is opposed to the Bible. Here we have the greatest intellects of three great nations, France, England and America, declaring that Christianity must be true. It enters into the very depths of their consciences. N. Y. Observer.

SOCIETY DIRECTORY.

Masonic.

Alexandria Washington Lodge, No. 22, A. F. & A. M., meets in the Masonic Temple, on Cameron street, on the second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month.

Andrew Jackson Lodge, No. 120, A. F. & A. M., meets in the Masonic Temple, on the first and third Thursday evenings of each month.

Mt. Vernon Royal Arch Chapter, No. 14, meets in the Masonic Temple, on the first Monday evening of each month.

Old Dominion Commandery, No. 11, Knights Templar, meets in the Masonic Temple, on the third Monday evening of each month.

Odd Fellows.

Marley Encampment, No. 6, meets in Odd Fellows Hall, on Columbus street, on the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month.

Potomac Lodge, No. 38, meets in Odd Fellows Hall, on Columbus street, every Friday evening.

Sarepta Lodge, No. 46, meets in Sarepta Hall, on King street, between Royal and Pitt streets, every Tuesday evening.

Red Men.

Oceoda Tribe, No. 1, meets in Sarepta Hall, every Thursday evening.

Knights of Pythias.

Mechanics Lodge, No. 3, meets at their hall, on n. Fairfax street, opposite the Market Building every Monday evening.

Oriental Lodge, No. 6, meets at same hall, every Tuesday evening.

Knights of Honor.

Belle Haven Hall, No. 2288, meets at Belle Haven Hall, north Fairfax street, between King and Prince streets, on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month.

Alexandria Council, No. 627, meets at Belle Haven Hall, on the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month.

Catholic Societies.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul, meets at St. Mary's Hall, south Royal street, every Sunday afternoon.

Alexandria Catholic Benevolent Society, meets at St. Mary's Hall, every Sunday evening.

B'nai B'rith.

Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 259, meets in Sarepta Hall, on the second and fourth Sunday evenings of each month.

Reclabates.

Potomac Tent, No. 8, I. O. R. M., meets in the hall of the Knights of Pythias, north Fairfax street, every Saturday evening.

Good Templars.

Golden Light Lodge, No. 337, meets in Odd Fellows Hall, north Columbus street, every Tuesday evening.

Reform Club.

Alexandria Reform Club, meets at their hall on Fairfax street, between King and Prince streets, every Friday evening.

Independent Order of Mechanics.

Lafayette Lodge, No. 11, meets in the hall of the Knights of Pythias, north Fairfax street, every Tuesday evening.

OPENING AND CLOSING OF THE MAILS.

Washington, D. C., and Northern mails 8 a. m., 12 m. and 6 and 8 1/2 p. m.

Western mails 4:30 and 9:00 p. m.

Southern mails, via Richmond, Va., 10:30 a. m., and 4:30 and 8 1/2 p. m.

South and Southwestern mails, via Lynchburg, Va., way and through mails, 6:30 a. m. and 9:00 p. m.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

VIRGINIA—In the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Alexandria county, on the 14th day of April, 1882.

Charles F. Corbett vs. Lydia E. Corbett. Memo. The object of this suit is to require the defendant, Lydia E. Corbett, to answer the complainant's bill for a divorce from the bond of matrimony.

The defendant, Lydia E. Corbett, not having entered her appearance and given security, according to the Act of Assembly, and the rules of this Court, and it appearing by an affidavit that she is not a resident of this State, it is ordered that the said defendant appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect her interest in this suit; and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette and Virginia Advertiser, a newspaper published in the city of Alexandria, once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this county. A copy—test: BENJ. AUSTIN, Clerk. ap14-w4w

Edmund Burke, p. q. ap14-w4w

VIRGINIA: In the Clerk's office of Fairfax Circuit Court, Fairfax Court House, April 11th, 1882.

R. W. Richardson, adm'r, d. h. n. of F. D. Richardson, dec'd, vs. R. W. L. Rains & Edward K. Cooper, partners, trading under the firm name of R. W. L. Rains & Co. Trespass on the case and attachment. Damage \$100.

Memo. The object of this suit is to recover of the defendant, R. W. L. Rains & Co., the sum of \$52.57, with interest thereon from the 1st day of January, 1880, and to attach any money due said defendants from Phillip A. Davis, H. and E. McWilliams, and W. S. May, Jacob W. Troth, Fred. Prell, Stephen S. Curtis, and R. P. Laey, and subject the same to the payment of the plaintiff's demand and costs of this suit.

It appearing by affidavit filed that the above named defendants, R. W. L. Rains and Edward K. Cooper, are non residents of Virginia, it is ordered that they appear here within one month after due publication hereof and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this behalf. Test: JNO. W. GRAHAM, Clerk. ap12-w4w

Moore & Son, p. q. ap12-w4w

VIRGINIA: In the Clerk's office of Fairfax Circuit Court, Fairfax Court House, March 29, 1882.

John W. Holliday, and Ann E. Jones, vs. Martha E. Sullivan, David E. Holliday, John Yeale and Ann R. his wife, Amelia Holliday, Samuel H. Holliday, Jno. W. Holliday, Jr., Ann E. Holliday and Page M. Holliday, Chancery.

Memo. The object of this suit is to obtain a decree for the partition of the real estate of which the late Samuel Holliday died seized, and divide the proceeds among those entitled. It appearing by affidavit filed that the above named defendants are non residents of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that they appear here within one month after due publication hereof and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this behalf. Test: JNO. W. GRAHAM, Clerk. ap12-w4w

D. M. Chichester, p. q. ap12-w4w

VIRGINIA: In the Clerk's office of Fairfax Circuit Court, Fairfax Court House, Va., April 11th, 1882.

J. M. Hamford, vs. W. D. Sweetser and Elizabeth C. his wife, James E. Warner, Lyman D. Ballou and A. St. John, Chancery.

Memo. The object of this suit is to enforce a deed of trust executed by Wm. D. Sweetser and wife to James E. Warner, bearing date 3d December, 1879, to secure to John M. Hamford the payment of the sum of \$175 with interest at the rate of eight per cent from the 3d day of December, 1879, until paid, and to obtain a decree for the sale of the real estate conveyed by said deed of trust and application of the proceeds to the payment of said debt and interest. It appearing by affidavit filed that of the above named defendants, J. M. Hamford, is a non-resident of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that he appear here within one month after due publication hereof and do what is necessary to protect his interest in this behalf. Test: JNO. W. GRAHAM, Clerk. ap12-w4w

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VIRGINIA: In the Clerk's office of Fairfax Circuit Court, Fairfax Court House, Va., April 11th, 1882.

Julian Walters vs. Otis Bigelow. In chancery and attachment.

Memo. The object of this suit is to attach a tract of land in the county of Fairfax, Va., on the road from Fairfax station to Fairfax Court House, containing 72 acres, more or less, the property of the defendant, and being the same land conveyed to him by W. Willoughby, substituted trustee, on the 12th of January, 1876, (see deed) liber T. No. 4, on page 495, and subject the same to the payment of a judgment rendered against said Otis Bigelow and F. D. Richardson at June term, 1880, for \$68.24 and \$11.63 costs.

It appearing by affidavit filed that the above named defendant, Otis Bigelow, is a non resident of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that he appear here within one month after due publication hereof and do what is necessary to protect his interest in this behalf. Test: JNO. W. GRAHAM, Clerk. ap12-w4w

Moore & Son, p. q. ap12-w4w

VIRGINIA: In the Clerk's Office of Fairfax Circuit Court, Fairfax C. H., Va., March 22, 1882.

Henry Duval, trading as Henry Duval & Co., vs. Elmer M. Koon, Abram L. Koon, O. W. Hunt, trustee, Frank L. Bramhall, trustee, Job Barnd and James S. Edwards, trustees, Alfred Koon, Sarah Koon Frevit, Cornelia Koon Frevit and Jane Koon, In chancery.

Memo. The object of this suit is to subject the land of the defendant, Elmer M. Koon, to the payment of a judgment in favor of complainants against her for \$63.30 and \$8.83 costs. It appearing by affidavit filed that of the above named defendants, Frank L. Bramhall, trustee, Job Barnd and James S. Edwards, trustees, Alfred Koon, Sarah Koon Frevit, Cornelia Koon Frevit and Jane Koon, are non-residents of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that they appear here within one month after due publication hereof and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this behalf. Test: JNO. W. GRAHAM, Clerk. ap12-w4w

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